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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, MAY 4, 1978

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - RICHARD KILPATRICK, ACTING

1. US ANTITRUST CHIEF TO VISIT TOKYO, MAY 11-20  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

JOHN SCHENEFIELD (ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CHIEF OF  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S ANTITRUST BUREAU) DANIEL SCHWARZ  
(DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S BUREAU  
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FOR INTERNATIONAL ANTITRUST DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES AND IN-  
TERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT, WILL VISIT JAPAN MAY 11-20 TO  
MEET WITH JAPANESE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION, FOREIGN OFFICE,  
MITI, LEADING ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED  
WITH ANTITRUST MATTERS. THE VISIT IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A  
SEPTEMBER 1977 VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY OFFICIALS FROM THE  
JAPANESE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION. PURPOSE IS GENERAL EX-

CHANGE OF VIEWS ON ANTITRUST ACTIVITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES

AND DISCUSSION OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE RELATION BETWEEN JAPANESE VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS AND US ANTITRUST LAWS, A US FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE JAPANESE FIRMS TO NOTIFY US ANTITRUST AUTHORITIES OF PROPOSED MERGERS IF THE JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF THE US MARKET (PRE-MERGER NOTIFICATION), AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THE REVISED ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW OF JAPAN.

2. TRILATERAL STEEL TALKS IN TOKYO (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

IT IS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO HOLD FURTHER US-EC-JAPAN STEEL TALKS IN TOKYO ON MAY 11-12 IN PREPARATION FOR THE OECD STEEL MEETING ON MAY 22-23. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EC REPRESENTATIVES ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO GO THAT DISTANCE FOR ONLY 2-3 HOURS OF TALKS AND MAY HOLD OUT FOR BRUSSELS AS THE SITE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON STEEL. EB EXPECTS A DECISION WILL BE MADE BY MONDAY WHETHER THE TOKYO MEETING WILL BE HELD OR NOT. IF IT IS, THE US DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE, TREASURY, COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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